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Dear Ms. Levine,

The Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) strongly supports MSHDA's current initiatives directed towards ending homelessness in Michigan including the draft Qualified Allocation Plan. Our mission as a statewide advocacy organization is to decrease homelessness and to improve the quality of services provided to people who are homeless. Michigan has received national recognition for its statewide campaign to end homelessness, the effectiveness of its statewide information system that supports quality measurement in over 400 agencies, and its abundance of Project Homeless Connect events.

Our data indicates how critical it is that Michigan develops a funded strategic response to the lack of affordable housing and economic opportunities for the state's most vulnerable citizens. Housing is a fundamental need for all people – without it, employment, education, social supports, and improvements in the quality of life are not sustainable. We believe the draft QAP is one direct response to addressing the housing crisis in Michigan.

Thanks to its strong collaboration and visionary leadership, MSHDA has created new opportunities to make concerted and legitimate progress towards ending homelessness in Michigan. We are grateful for these opportunities and we request MSHDA continue moving forward towards finalizing the QAP.

Sincerely,

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